Quiz 5 - Chapter 4 – Voting and Elections  
  
1. According to the authors, what is the defining characteristic of representative democracies?   
a. Elections   
b. Voting   
c. Writing letters to local representatives   
d. Distributing campaign literature   
  
2. Which of the following is not a demographic variable that affects turnout at the polls?   
a. Education   
b. Income   
c. Age   
d. Residency   
  
3. Which of the following statements about voters is incorrect?   
a. The more education an individual has, the more likely the individual is to vote.   
b. A person who has a strong interest in politics is more likely to vote.   
c. The younger an individual is, the more likely that individual is to vote.   
d. Identification with either major political party makes a person more likely to vote.   
  
4. Once they register, voters are automatically sent renewals at their address of record by   
a. January 15 in even-numbered years.   
b. January 1 in odd-numbered years.   
c. January 1 in even-numbered years.   
d. No registration material is sent, because voter registration is permanent and therefore new cards are not needed.   
  
5. An individual must be registered at least \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ days prior to the election to be eligible to vote in Texas.   
a. 30   
b. 180   
c. 60   
d. 3   
  
6. Making registration and voting in America easier has resulted in which of the following?   
a. An increase in voter turnout   
b. A decrease in voter turnout   
c. Voting turnout has remained the same   
d. Effects not verifiable   
  
7. Which is not a legal voting qualification in Texas?   
a. Being a citizen of the United States   
b. Being at least 18 years of age   
c. Being a registered voter   
d. Being a nonresident of the state   
  
8. Which individuals are legally disqualified from voting?   
a. Individuals who have been legally declared mentally incompetent   
b. A convicted felon who has received a pardon   
c. Individuals who have been incarcerated   
d. Individuals who have lost their voter registration card   
  
9. Which of the following statements about Texas registration laws is incorrect?   
a. A person may register in person or by mail.   
b. A person can register when renewing a driver’s license.   
c. Registered spouses, parents, or offspring can register an individual.   
d. An individual’s employer can register an employee as long as the employer is a registered voter.   
  
10. Which list(s) is (are) used to purge the names of voters from the voter registration rolls?   
a. Corner’s reports   
b. List of felony convictions   
c. List of adjudications of mental incompetence   
d. All of the above   
  
11. Texas requires that all ballots and election materials be printed in other languages in addition to English if   
a. counties have at least 5 percent or greater language minority.   
b. counties have at least 10 percent or greater language minority.   
c. local laws require that counties must have bilingual ballots.   
d. individuals prove they speak in language other than English.   
  
12. Which of the following is not an argument put forward by those opposed to the voter ID law?   
a. Voter ID is a solution to a problem that does not exist.   
b. There is no real evidence of people impersonating other voters in Texas.   
c. It would have a big impact on legitimate voters who do not have a driver’s license.   
d. It would only an advantage to minorities.   
  
13. Which of the following can be a contributing factor to the decrease in participation in the United States after 1960?   
a. The passage of the Twenty-sixth Amendment   
b. An increase in party identification by voters   
c. A decrease in party identification by voters   
d. Both options A and C are true.   
  
14. Which of the following concerning Texas elections is correct?   
a. In presidential elections, as the turnout nationally has declined since 1960, Texas’s turnout has actually increased.   
b. In presidential elections, Texas’s turnout is similar to U.S. turnout.   
c. In midterm elections, Texas ranks higher in turnout than most other states.   
d. In midterm elections, Texas has the same turnout as in presidential elections.   
  
15. Turnout in American general elections is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in comparison to other industrialized democracies of the world.   
a. slightly higher   
b. significantly lower   
c. about the same   
d. significantly higher   
  
16. Texas required individuals to pay a poll tax to vote in state elections until it was declared unconstitutional by the   
a. Twenty-fourth amendment.   
b. decision in the case Nixon v. Condon.   
c. Twenty-third amendment.   
d. decision in the case United States v. Texas.   
  
17. Smith v. Allwright banned   
a. Asians from voting.   
b. Native Americans from voting.   
c. the use of white primaries.   
d. women from voting.   
  
18. In the case Carrington v. Rash, the courts decided that   
a. property ownership was unnecessary for revenue bond elections.   
b. members of the military could enjoy the full rights of suffrage in Texas.   
c. efforts to deny African Americans access to the primaries would be overturned.   
d. annual registration was prohibited.   
  
19. Which of the following techniques to prevent voting was never used in Texas?   
a. Poll taxes   
b. Early registration   
c. Literacy tests   
d. Annual registration   
  
20. Which case changed the state’s early voter registration requirement in Texas?   
a. Carrington v. Rash   
b. Smith v. Allwright   
c. Dunn v. Blumstein   
d. Beare v. Smith 